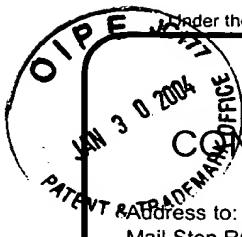


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<b>Application Number</b>	09/601,958
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<b>Art Unit</b>	1763
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<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	WLJ.056

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal on October 30, 2003, the period for response having been extended by a concurrently filed Petition For Extension Of Time, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins of page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.